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VALUE OF NEW YORK FRESH VEGETABLES RANKS SIXTH IN NATION

The value of all New York vegetable production in 2010 totaled \$409 million, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. New York is fifth in the nation in area harvested and sixth in value of principal fresh market vegetables.

The value of the Empire State's principal fresh market vegetables totaled \$361 million this year. Fresh market production in 2010 was estimated at 14.2 million hundredweight (cwt.). Planted acreage increased from 68,230 acres in 2009 to 69,890 acres in 2010.

Processing vegetables were valued at \$47.6 million in 2010 and production totaled 245 thousand tons.

New York onion yields averaged 325 cwt. per acre, down from 2009. Year 2010 production is estimated at 3.32 million cwt., down from 2009. Value is down 20 percent to a total of \$54.2 million.

New York's fresh market cabbage production for 2010, estimated at 4.34 million cwt., is up from 2009's production of 3.42 million cwt. New York ranked second in the nation for fresh market cabbage production in 2010.

Fresh market sweet corn acreage was up in 2010. A total of 22,800 acres were harvested, a 6 percent increase from last year. Yields increased from 100 cwt. per acre in 2009 to 120 cwt. per acre in 2010. Total value was at \$71.1 million, up 22 percent from last year.

New York is ranked third in the nation on value of the 2010 New York fresh market snap bean crop, at \$39.2 million. Harvested acres remained at 6,700 acres. Yield increased from 40 cwt per acre to 70 cwt per acre. Total production was 469,000 cwt., up 75 percent from last year due to higher yields.

Pumpkins showed a value of \$35.1 million, first in the nation. There were 6,800 acres harvested for a production of 1.46 million cwt. Value of production in 2010 increased 61 percent from 2009.

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